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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	8	Minus	** = 20	* 0 x	\$50(25)	= \$ 0
Independent claims	1	Minus	*** = 3	* 0 x	\$200(100)	= \$ 0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0

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- ☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims \_\_\_\_\_ petition for extension of time.
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action that issued in the above-identified application on  
February 6, 2006, having a three-month period for response set to expire on May 6, 2006,  
Applicants' attorneys respond as follows:

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